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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : Reactions to "Day at CIA" Program
for Senior Seminar in Foreign
Policy Members

1. [redacted] our Agency members of the 1969-1970 Senior Seminar, have now obtained feedback from class members about the 6 October "Day at CIA" program.

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2. The consensus rating was "very good." One of our presentations was quite poorly received. A "very good" overall can be considered a highly favorable rating from this senior group of critics; they bear down hard on programs elsewhere. Ambassador Mathews referred to the program as "excellent and productive." [redacted] the Ambassador diplomatically alluded to the poor session as "unfortunate."

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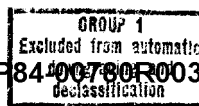
3. The following thoughts were voiced by seminar members as constructive suggestions:

a. Speakers should give a bit of a break in the form of examples to the FSO who is not Soviet- or China-oriented; otherwise, he feels that his life's work has been down played.

b. Mention the method, or philosophy, of communication facilities--in the managerial sense. Do we have managerial control for money reasons or for expertise? (Had we anticipated this reaction, Colonel White could have included a comment in his opening remarks.)

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c. The program was of ideal length. As a recommended program change, consider combining the Proctor and Kent coverages into one presentation and adding some of the time thus saved to the Karamessines session.

d. The luncheon was rated the "most delicious meal since the course started." Recommendations were made that more time be spent at the luncheon to capitalize on the meaningful conversations, and that two Agency persons be at each table to add to the informal conversation possibilities.

4. We will re-examine the above suggestions before next year's Senior Seminar "Day at CIA" and assure that OTR makes good use of these constructive thoughts. The in-house critique also provoked one suggestion by seminar members which was not specifically directed at the Agency presentations: We all (officials throughout the Federal Government) should make sure that when we inform a "top-policy maker" we also inform the "high-level staff makers" who support him.

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6. Reactions to participants are attached.

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Acting Director of Training

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